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Chief, Soviet East European Division,
Plans and Operations

OLC #78-2642

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Policy and Coordination Staff,
Policy Guidance and Legal Affairs

SUBJECT

: Briefing of Mr. Martin Mendelsohn,
Chief, Special Litigation Unit,
Immigration and Naturalization Service,
Department of Justice

1. This will confirm for the record the realities briefing of subject who departed for the Soviet Union on 10 July 1978 to interview potential witnesses and to collect any other available evidence to assist in his investigation and possible prosecution of certain individuals presently in the United States as citizens or permanent resident aliens who are alleged to have committed atrocities and war crimes against the Jews and others during World War II.

2. Mr. Mendelsohn will be accompanied in his travels to and in the Soviet Union by Mr. Thomas Belotte, an Assistant United States Attorney from the Southern District in New York, who is assisting Mr. Mendelsohn in several ongoing denaturalization or deportation cases.

3. After the 30 June 1978 briefing by Mr. [REDACTED] SE/USSR, and yourself, Mr. Mendelsohn returned to the Agency on 7 July 1978 and reviewed the material you provided on

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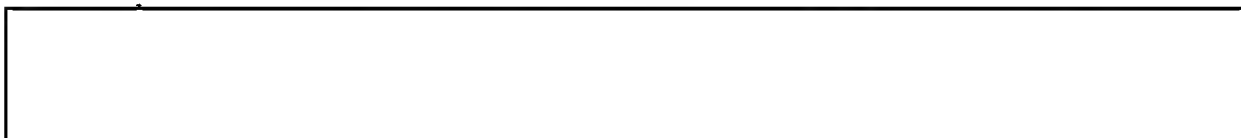
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5. The Special Prosecutor left on his trip on schedule, having heard from his local Soviet contact, Second Secretary Anatoly MALNYEV, that he had a firm date in Riga, Latvia on 12 July 1978. In short, with the Shcharansky-Ginzburg trials underway in Moscow, prudence would dictate that Mr. Mendelsohn be distanced from the Capital as quickly as possible.

6. Mr. Mendelsohn also advised on 7 July 1978 that he had been in contact with the Polish consulate in Washington concerning his stopover in Warsaw on the war criminal investigations. 25X1

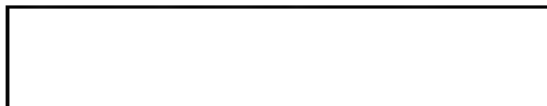


8. Subject also expected to deal with Filippov of the USA Institute whom Mr. Mendelsohn indicated he knew from the former's assignment in the consulate in New York.



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10. We are returning the biographic sheets on the Soviets mentioned in paragraph 3. We will advise you when subject, who is not expected to return to the U.S. before the end of August, is available for further debriefing.



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